

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A portable information terminal comprising:
an image data storage unit (4) storing image data;
a character recognition unit (2) effecting character recognition processing on the image
data stored in said image data storage unit to provide character information as a result of said
character recognition processing;
a type designating unit (40, 31, 32, 102, 12) designating a type of the character
information provided as the result of said character recognition processing;
a character information storage unit (4) storing the character information;
a control unit (2) causing said character recognition unit to effect the character
recognition processing on first image data, and causing said character information storage unit to
store first character information being a result of the character recognition processing effected on
said first image data in a fashion corresponding to the type designated to said type designating
unit for said first character information; and
a continuous recognition instruction unit (19) operated after the character recognition
processing effected on said first image data for effecting character recognition processing on
second image data for obtaining character information to be related to said first character
information, wherein
said control unit causes said character information storage unit to store second character
information being a result of the character recognition processing effected on said second image
data in a fashion corresponding to the type designated to said type designating unit for said
second character information and related to said first character information.

2. (Original) The portable information terminal according claim 1, wherein said character recognition unit provides said character information after effecting correction according to the type designated to said type designating unit on the result of the character recognition processing.

3. (Currently amended) The portable information terminal according claim 1 or 2, wherein

said continuous recognition instruction unit is operated to cause said character recognition unit to effect the character recognition processing on said second image data for obtaining the character information to be related to said first character information continuously after the character recognition processing effected on said first image data.

4. (Currently amended) The portable information terminal according claim 1 or 2, further comprising:

a character information storage instruction unit (12) to be operated for instructing storage of the character information in said character information storage unit, wherein said control unit stores collectively said first character information and said second character information in said character information storage unit in response to the operation of said character information storage instruction unit.

5. (Currently amended) The portable information terminal according claim 1 or 2,

wherein

 said character information storage unit can store phone book data, and
 said first character information and said second character information form said phone
book data.

6. (Currently amended) The portable information terminal according claim 1 or ~~2~~,

wherein

 said character information storage unit can store address book data, and
 said first character information and said second character information form said address
book data.

7. (Currently amended) The portable information terminal according claim 1 or ~~2~~,

wherein

 said first character information and said second character information are equal in type of
the character information designated to said type designation unit in connection with said
character information.

8. (Currently amended) The portable information terminal according claim 1 or ~~2~~,

wherein

 said first character information and said second character information are different from
each other in type of the character information designated to said type designation unit in
connection with said character information.

9. (Currently amended) The portable information terminal according claim 1 or 2,
wherein

 said character recognition unit effects the character recognition processing on third image
 data for obtaining third character information to be related to said first and second character
 information in response to the operation of said continuous recognition instruction unit after the
 character recognition is effected on said first and second image data, and

 at least two of said first character information, said second character information and said
 third character information are equal in type of the character information designated to said type
 designation unit in connection with said character information.

10. (Currently amended) The portable information terminal according claim 1 or 2,
wherein

 said character recognition unit effects the character recognition processing on third image
 data for obtaining third character information to be related to said first and second character
 information in response to the operation of said continuous recognition instruction unit after the
 character recognition is effected on said first and second image data, and

 at least two of said first character information, said second character information and said
 third character information are different in type of the character information designated to said
 type designation unit in connection with said character information.

11. (Currently amended) The portable information terminal according claim 1 or 2,

wherein

 said portable information terminal is a cellular phone.

12. (Original) A method of controlling a portable information terminal comprising the steps of:

 accepting designation of a type of character information provided as a result of character recognition processing effected on first image data;

 effecting the character recognition processing on said first image data;

 storing first character information being a result of the character recognition processing effected on said first image data in a fashion corresponding to the type designated for said first character information;

 effecting the character recognition processing on second image data after the character recognition processing effected on said first image data; and

 storing second character information being a result of the character recognition processing effected on said second image data in a fashion corresponding to the type designated for said second character information and related to said first character information.